

Please add the following to my earlier "testimony" (Anne T. Skorupski, Bristol) To delay this matter any longer would be irresponsible. Also, I have been attempting for years to find out what fluoridation is costing the taxpayers of this state. See if you have any luck!

"The following are some notes from Dr. Joseph Mercola's new book "Effortless Healing" (2015) that should wake everyone up. We've been told for years that fluoride was essential for healthy teeth. Now we're finding that this is not true. In fact, researchers at the Harvard Medical School added fluoride to the list of top developmental neurotoxins in 2014.

Does it surprise you to learn that the fluoride added to our water is actually hydrofluorosilicic acid – a hazardous waste product from the fertilizer industry. (How nice of us to help them get rid of what would be their problem!) This is what is being forced on us as mass medication with no control of dosing. Most of this fluoridated water never touches teeth. It goes down drains, gardens, lawns, and then into our environment to mess that up!

Even with so little fluoride making it into our mouths, the CDC has admitted that due to the excess fluoride in our food and water 41% of adolescents now have dental fluorosis, a condition that occurs from an excess of fluoride. (More work for the dentists!)

In Western Europe 97% of the population drinks nonfluoridated water. According to data gathered by the World Health Organization and the Fluoride Action Network, there is no discernible difference in tooth decay between developed countries that fluoridate and those that do not.

Even in North America, fluoridation has come under increasing scrutiny; since 2010 more than 90 US and Canadian communities have voted to end water fluoridation. The issue is heating up as more and more people demand water that does not expose them to this highly toxic industrial waste product.

People assume consuming fluoride is an issue involving only your dental health. But nearly three dozen human studies and one hundred animal studies have shown that fluoride toxicity can lead to a wide variety of health problems like the following:

Increased lead absorption	Hyperactivity and/or lethargy
Muscle disorders	Gastroenterological problems
Dementia	Bone deformations & fractures
Lowered IQ in children	Disrupted immune system
Inhibited formation of antibodies	Increased cardiovascular risk
Arthritis	Thyroid disease & lowered thyroid function
Bone cancer (osteosarcoma)	Genetic damage and cell death
Increased tumor & cancer rate	Damaged sperm & increased infertility
Impaired glucose intolerance	Inactivation of 62 enzymes & inhibition more than 100
Severe tooth enamel fluorosis, enamel loss and pitting, & delayed tooth eruption in children"	